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SUBJECT: FLORIDA POWER AND LIGHT (FPL) VISIT

REF: STATE 120176

1. OUR INQUIRIES REVEAL THAT AS OF 9 A.M. THIS MORNING THE FPL DELEGATION AS YET HAS NO REPEAT NO APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT PEREZ. DR. SCHACHT TOLD ME YESTERDAY EVENING THAT NO SUCH APPOINTMENT WAS BEING PROCESSED IN THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE SINCE NO REQUEST HAD BEEN RECEIVED THROUGH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. I GATHER THAT APPOINTMENTS FOR FOREIGN VISITORS MUST FIRST BE VETTED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTRY.

2. I HOPE IT IS ABSOLUTELY CLEAR TO GOVERNOR ASKEW AND SENATOR CHILES THAT THIS EMBASSY HAS NOT BEEN AND IS NOT INVOLVED IN THE QUESTION OF AN APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT PEREZ.

3. I HAVE MADE KNOWN TO THE PRESIDENT THROUGH DR. SCHACHT THAT WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THE DELEGATION MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT OR TO FPL MAKING A BUSINESS PROPOSAL TO THE GOV. I ALSO MADE CLEAR THAT BECAUSE THIS IS A PRIVATE BUSINESS TRANSACTION THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT BECOME OFFICIALLY INVOLVED.

4. IF THE APPOINTMENT IS MADE, AND IF THE DELEGATION ARRIVES, WE WILL BE PLEASED TO PROVIDE THE REQUESTED TRANSPORTATION AND TO BRIEF THE PARTY AT ANY TIME CONVENIENT TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE SENATOR.

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